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The One Man Available.

Whom have those democrats who are opposed to the renomination of Mr. Bryan to offer the party in his place? Is there any other man in the party who enjoys a title of the consideration that he does? What other nomination would command the support that his will? Let it be granted that the chances will be against his success. Who could hold the combination together so as to win?

Mr. Bryan's rivals in the last convention were not he in the next. Mr. Bland, who was a good man, but would have made a weak candidate, is dead. Mr. Teller, the intellectual giant of the free silver cause, has no hold upon the combination which even suggests danger to Mr. Bryan. He concedes Mr. Bryan's renomination. Mr. McLean, whose support for the consideration of the establishment of a franchise given to it. It is to be borne in mind that coupled with most gas-rate-reduction projects are schemes for competitive franchises, which, while sometimes honestly intended, are nevertheless often designed as ready money-makers through the wisdom of the established concern to pay for peace.

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We may readily believe, as this officer asserts, that the English people feel that they have the right on their side. The contrary view, that they are partly the dupes and partly the willing tools of a coterie of stock-jobbers, is a catchpenny explanation which the people of this country particularly ought to be slow to accept. For, as a matter of fact, the same charge was made, and by some of the same men, when we went to war with Spain. The government was posted as having fallen under the malign influences of a few money-sharks, who had their eyes fixed on Cuba and had slyly fomented trouble between the two governments to forward their own selfish ends. As we know that to have been absolutely false, we should hesitate to accept a similar charge against England based upon no better authority.

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pay two or more fares to reach an average destination. So the question arises whether it is better to give the few short riders the benefit of a three-cent fare or the many long riders the benefit of the transfer privilege so freely extended. For that is the issue which would squarely be drawn were the three-cent bill to be formally pressed. The community does not as a rule demand cheap fares, but better service, such as both of the great systems have shown every inclination to give to the extent of their ability. It is not to be expected that the Boers will be so easily equipped and adequately manned, running along the lines of the most constant traffic, the system will soon meet the local requirements in a manner far more satisfactory than though Congress were to cheapen and deteriorate the service by reducing the fare-rate.

The same principle in large measure applies to the gas service. The people in the main are reasonably content with dollar gas, which is provided for, on condition that they receive good quality of illuminant. They protest, naturally, against poor dollar gas, just as they would protest against even poorer gas which would probably be furnished at seventy-five cents. What the consumers most seriously need at present is a guarantee that the standards of purity and illuminating quality are maintained at all times, that the meters are honest in their registry, and that the company is in all respects fully meeting its obligations to the community in return for the valuable franchise given to it. It is to be borne in mind that coupled with most gas-rate-reduction projects are schemes for competitive franchises, which, while sometimes honestly intended, are nevertheless often designed as ready money-makers through the wisdom of the established concern to pay for peace.

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Just whether the retreat by Warren will materially alter the chances for success in the general advance remains to be seen. It demonstrates, however, at least, that the advance by the present route, if at all practicable, will prove more costly. Meanwhile it is to be observed that Buller is working around to the due west of Ladysmith, and if he can complete this movement, even without relieving the beleaguered city, he will have achieved an important object, namely, the interruption of one of the Boer lines of communications. Further news of the developing campaign is necessary to permit a clear understanding of the chances and the cost.

London confidently expects that the latest English victory over the Boers will not turn out to be a case like that of the man who caught a wild cat and had to call on his friends to help him let go.

It must humiliate Aguinaldo a great deal to note that he is not even of enough importance to cause an occasional flurry on the stock exchange.

Brigham H. Roberts feels that he is being slighted by the gentlemen who have bused themselves with the promiscuous promulgation of sympathy.

The German newspapers decline to be influenced by the possibility that Queen Victoria will stop her subscription.

SHOOTING STARS.

A Multitold Sorrow.  
"I'm sorry for Mr. Roberts," said Mr. Meekton, thoughtfully.

"The idea!" exclaimed his wife. "I can't help it. The thought of that man having to go back to all those homes and break the news to all those wives, who were expecting to be in Washington society this winter—it's positively tragic!"

An Over-Willing Debtor.  
The man who borrows trouble keeps his neighbors ever on the rack. For every time he meets a friend. He tries to pay some of it back.

Disproved.  
"Rafferty," said Mr. Dolan, "did you ever hear th' old sayin', 'beauty is only skin-deep'?"

"I did. An' a foine, true sayin' it is." "It's nothin' iv the kind, O'm thinkin' iv it's foolishness ivry time O' take the cover off a baked pitay."

Almost as Good.  
"Do you believe you will succeed in having your man acquitted?" asked one lawyer.

"I haven't given much thought to that phase of the question," answered the other. "But I am absolutely confident that we can have the trial postponed often enough to prevent a conviction."

Conclusions.  
"What made you make that long argument before Congress?" asked the friend. "Why," answered the man, who failed to qualify, "I felt it my duty to do so. So long as I read a congressional salary all the time I was in Washington, I felt that I ought to give the public a speech or two for its money."

Accuracy.  
"Now," said the client, taking out his pocket book, "how much are your services worth?" "That has nothing to do with the case," answered the professional man of fine distinctions. "What you ought to have asked is merely how much I am going to charge you."

The Weather Prophet.  
Now, what care I though sunshine fill the air. And tempt the angle-worm to quit his lair. And tempt the contented to the moist warm earth. And yield his sluggish soul to lazy mirth? Now, what care I for gentle joys like these. Which almost woo the blossoms to the trees. Till they be radiant with the blush of spring. And bid the chattering swallows try to sing?

Welcome the blustering blizzard with its blight! Welcome the frost that withers in a night. My lady's palms which on the door-stop stood. Because she thought fresh air would do them good. Welcome the darkened skies that fiercely scowl. The snow that eddies and the winds that howl. Away with pleasures! Bring a world of pain. I have a reputation to sustain. I am the man who said that this would be the coldest winter of the century.

The New Manila.  
From the Manila American.  
Any one who left Manila a year ago, returning to it today, would almost fancy himself a Rio Vin Wine.

Today one may well rub one's eyes at the change effected. The streets, if dusty and somewhat muddy, are at least clear of garbage—the gutters are kept cleared. Houses have been repaired and painted. Innumerable new buildings have been opened. Rigs have been much improved, though still leaving much to be desired. Pariahs are being banished from the city, and the beggars are gradually disappearing from the street. Sickening and disease are considerably on the decrease, and the city generally is in a more sanitary condition than it has ever been since its foundation. And all these changes and improvements have been brought about by the bringing to bear, upon the existing conditions, American capital and the knowledge of a life that notions existing under late Spanish rule. The wonderful improvements achieved so far are an excellent omen for what another year will bring forth, and those here then will see how extremely beneficial to the city generally and the welfare of its inhabitants has been the new regime.

Snow in St. Paul.  
From the St. Paul Pioneer Press.  
The Man with the Hoe, if he really wants to make himself useful, might put in his time just now on the sidewalks opposite unoccupied property.

There Was No Delay.  
From the Philadelphia North American.  
At least John Bull can comfort himself with the flattering knowledge that Oom Paul did not tell him to go and get a reputation before consenting to fight him.

Racy Reading.  
From the Chicago Record.  
These long winter evenings may be profitably utilized in reading the records of the candidates for aldermen.

Mr. Moody Died Poor.  
From the Milwaukee Wisconsin.  
A current paragraph states that "the estate of D. L. Moody practically consists of his library." This is a convincing proof of the disinterested simplicity of a life that wrought much for the happiness of mankind.

A Dreadful Possibility.  
From the Philadelphia Press.  
It is fortunate that the wide ocean separates Count Boni Castellan and the editor of "Figaro," or else somebody might get slapped real hard on the wrist with papa's visiting card.

They Will Anywhere.  
From the Kansas City Star.  
Clean streets will sell more Kansas City real estate than anything else.

To the Hunt!  
From the Boston Journal.  
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